Ferguson, John Nelson, Jeannine Rupert, and Phyllis Christich (hereinafter "Joinder Plaintiffs") hereby join the other plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment and respectfully submit these additional points and authorities in support of the Motion for Summary Judgment by and against ComUnity Lending Inc. ("Defendant") or the ComUnity Lending Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan").

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INTRODUCTION

The Joinder Plaintiffs agree with the arguments set forth in the Motion For Summary Judgment filed by the other plaintiffs. However, they believe that all of the plaintiffs in this action are entitled to Summary Judgment as a matter of law for separate and independent reasons.

In order to induce Joinder Plaintiffs and the Pham plaintiffs to contribute millions of dollars of their money to the Plan, **oral representations** making specific promises became part of the Plan according to Carr v. First Nationwide Bank 816 F. Supp. 1476, 1491 (N.D. Cal. 1993). Additionally, a Top Hat Plan must be **unfunded** according to Duggan v. Hobbs 99 F. 3d 307, 310 (9th Cir. 1996). Section 10.2 of the Plan states: "If the Plan, which was designed and intended to be a Top-Hat Plan is deemed not to be a Top-Hat Plan, it will be terminated and contributions will be distributed to Participants in the Plan." Joinder Plaintiffs believe this Plan does not meet the requirements of being a Top Hat Plan as a matter of law because the Plan was funded. As a funded Plan, the Plan is not a Top Hat Plan, therefore Plaintiffs' contributions are held in resultant trust and should be returned to them. Since, the Plan clearly did not meet the requirements of a non-funded Top Hat Plan, the Court does not even need to reach the issues raised by the other plaintiffs, because the entire purpose of the Plan failed.

According to Ellis v. LaMesa 990 F. 2d 1528, 1530 (9th Cir. 1993) if a trust fails, the funds are held as a resulting trust. Joinder Plaintiffs further believe that if the Plan is funded, it is a trust subject to all of the provisions of ERISA and under those conditions, the trust should be distributed to the plaintiffs. If the Plan is determined to be an unfunded Top Hat Plan, then the oral terms become part of the Plan's provisions because no plaintiff received information telling them the funds were subject to the claims of creditors of the Defendant. As such, the trust is subject to the oral terms and the funds should be distributed accordingly. Joinder Plaintiffs believe it cannot be contested that they are 100% vested in their funds by virtue of their federal common law rights and the Participant Statements they received from the insurance companies.

<u>ARGUMENT</u>

1. ORAL CONTRACTS

One of the few cases from this District which has dealt with Top Hat Plans is <u>Carr</u> v. First Nationwide Financial Corporation (1993) 816 F. Supp 1476, 1491:

<u>FN9.</u> It is worth noting that the Supreme Court has suggested, albeit in dicta, that deferred compensation is a category of benefit which is ordinarily contractually vested or accrued (cites omitted) the Court implicitly appears to recognize that deferred compensation is in the nature of a contractually "accrued" or "vested" right that remains intact even after the contract itself has expired.

This factual situation is different from <u>Carr</u> in that none of the Joinder Plaintiffs had input into the design of the plan, neither did they receive a copy of the Plan document before placing their funds into the Plan. As a factual matter, the employees of Defendant attended a meeting and/or phone conference and the employees were told they could contribute their funds to a Retirement Plan. They were told the Plan would have individual accounts, the Participants could borrow or take a hardship withdrawal from their account, the Participants could chose their retirement investments from a large number of potential investments, and the funds would be 100% vested (Declaration of Joinder Plaintiffs ¶ 4-9). The Joinder Plaintiffs relied upon the terms as explained at the meeting or on the phone and received participant statements stating the funds were 100% vested. This creates contractual right and the plaintiffs have every reasonable expectation of having their contract rights determined to be 100% vested in their contributions.

The oral representations would become part of the Plan, if not the entire Plan. In New Valley Corporation, Debtor, Senior Executive Benefit Plan v. New Valley Corporation (1996) 89 F. 3d. 143, 149:

As a result, top hat agreements can be partially or exclusively oral. They may, of course, be integrated by their own terms, just as they may contain any provision to which the parties agree.

The phone call may be the entire Plan and agreement under Federal Common Law. This is especially important because the Joinder Plaintiffs did not receive a copy of the Plan when they made their contributions. Most importantly, Plaintiff were not told their funds would be subject to the claims of creditors. It is an irrefutable material fact that

plaintiffs were told their benefits would be 100% vested during the phone call (Declaration of Joinder Plaintiffs ¶ 5 & 13).

Other cases have determined when the rights of the Participants become vested in a terminated executive deferred compensation plan. As explained in <u>Kemmerer v. ICI</u>

<u>Americas Inc.</u> (1995) 70 F. 3d 281, 287:

Under unilateral contract principles, once the Employee performs, the offer becomes irrevokable, the contract is complete, and the employer is required to comply with its side of the bargain.

The Joinder plaintiffs have performed by accepting the oral terms as explained to them over the phone and by putting their funds into the Plan. The Joinder Plaintiffs received statements which confirmed the oral representations of 100% vesting and their ability to invest their contributions held in their individual accounts. Joinder Plaintiffs had the reasonable expectations that the funds in the Plan were 100% vested in their name for retirement. Since the Joinder Plaintiffs did not receive the Plan document when they joined the Plan (Declaration of Joinder Plaintiffs ¶ 6), the oral representations would form the basis of the Plan under Federal Common Law. The Joinder Plaintiffs would have the right to expect that their funds were 100% vested based upon the oral representations they received from the insurance company (Declaration of Joinder Plaintiffs ¶ 5).

Joinder Plaintiff believe it is an undisputable material fact that they did not received a copy of the Plan until after their rights vested. It was not explained to them that their contributions were subject to the claims of creditors of the Defendant. It is not now possible to enforce the rights of creditors against them after their rights vested. The oral contract and federal common law would determine the Participant's vested rights under the Plan.

In <u>Terones v. Pacific States Steel Corp.</u> (N.D.C. Cal. 1981) 526 F. Supp. 1350, at 1354): "It has been generally recognized, both pre and post ERISA, that policy favors construing pension plans in favor of the employee and to avoid forfeiture of benefits." Also see <u>Blakenship v. Liberty Life Assurances Co. Of Boston</u> 486 F. 3d 620, 625 (CA 9th 2007) and <u>Woods v. Prudential Ins. Co. Of America</u>—F. 3d — WL 2358006 June 11,

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common understanding and explanation to the employees. Clearly, the law is against any forfeiture of benefits if there is any reading of the Plan which might favor the employees. Also, it is only common sense, that if the plaintiffs knew their funds were subject to the claims of creditors and the defendant was in financial trouble, they would have taken their funds out of the Plan.

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2. THE PLAN WAS FUNDED

A Top Hat Plan is defined in ERISA as "a plan which is unfunded and is maintained by an Employer primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees." <u>Duggan v. Hobbs</u> 99 F. 3d 307, 310 (9th Cir. 1996)(quoting 29 U.S.C. § 1101). While, Joinder Plaintiffs believe the Plan does not meet either of those requirements, this pleading will only address the funding issue because it is irrefutable that this is a funded ERISA Plan with separate accounts. Joinder Plaintiffs believe the Plan was funded because the Participants paid payroll taxes on their contributions to their separate accounts. In addition, plaintiffs had greater rights to receive their Plan benefits than did general creditors of Defendant, according to the Plan. For example, John Nelson received a hardship withdrawal from his account during the time period Defendant now claims to have been insolvent, in spite of whatever rights Defendant's general creditors supposedly had to the funds in the Plan. No creditor was able to withdraw money from Mr. Nelson's separate vested account.

If the Court determines that this a funded ERISA plan, then it is not a Top Hat Plan. A Top Hat Plan is an unfunded plan. As explained in <u>Guiragoss v. Khoury</u> (2006) 444 F. Supp. 2d 649, 658:

To be designated a top hat plan, ERISA requires that the plan be (1) "unfunded" and (2) "maintained by an employer primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation to a select group of management or highly compensated employees." Cites omitted.

A Plan becomes funded according to <u>In re IT Group, Inc.</u> (2006) 448 F3d 661 under the following conditions:

court must first look to the surrounding facts and circumstances, including the status of the plan under non-ERISA law. Second, a court should identify whether a [plan] is funded by a res separate from the general assets of the company.

The Plan was explained to plaintiffs by a representative of Great Western Life acc Company. The participants, if they liked the presentation, decided how must be accounted to the presentation of the company.

Combining all of this information, the court devised the following test: in determining whether a plan is "funded" or "unfunded" under ERISA, a

Insurance Company. The participants, if they liked the presentation, decided how much of their funds or salary to transfer to their participant accounts established at Great Western Life. Individual accounts were established for each participant who chose to participate. Defendant's payroll department was advised of the amount the participant wanted to transfer and a calculation of the payroll taxes due was prepared. The amount of the transfer and the tax was then deducted from the funds owed by Defendant to the Participant or Participant's satellite office account. The funds were transferred from the individual office account and the payroll taxes were paid to the IRS. The funds were transferred to a separate account at Great Western Life. Individual accounts statements in the plaintiffs' names were sent to them. In 2003, the individual accounts were transferred from Great Western Life to TransAmerica. Separate accounts, which were 100% vested, continued for each individual participant during and after the transfer. Clearly, these accounts are a res separate from the general assets of the Company. (Declarations of John Nelson and Jeannine Rupert Exhibit A to their Declarations are representative Account Statements given to all participants of the Plan stating 100% vesting of the accounts).

<u>Guiragoss v. Khoury</u> (2006) 444 F. Supp 649, 659-60 explains the three part analysis that has been developed:

When undertaking this three-part analysis, it is important to note that ERISA is a remedial statute that should be liberally construed in favor of employee benefit fund participants. To that end, "exemptions from ...ERISA coverage should be confined to their narrow purpose (Cites omitted)...Specifically, courts have asked can the beneficiary establish, through the plan documents, a legal right any greater than that of an unsecured creditor to a specific set of funds from which the employer is obligated to pay the deferred compensation.

The Plan language creates an undeniable material fact that the plaintiffs can establish a legal right to their account, greater than that of any creditor of defendant.

The plan states:

Article 2 "Hardship Withdrawal" A withdrawal is on account of hardship if it is due to an unforeseen emergency which creates a hardship. Article 4.2 states: ...a Participant may make a Hardship Withdrawal as defined in Article 2, from the Plan.

Article 3 The salary deferral contributions made under the Plan on behalf of each Participant shall be credited to the Participant's account.

Article 5.1 Unless otherwise so elected, the Employer hereby designates that plan participants may direct the investments of the deferral amounts, but only from a menu of investment alternatives made available by the Employer under the Plan and under a policy as established by the Employer.

Joinder Plaintiffs believe based upon the Plan language, it is an undisputable material fact that they had a legal right greater than an unsecured creditor to a specific set of funds. As an example of demonstrating a greater right than a creditor, John Nelson took a hardship withdrawal from his funds on August 7, 2007. The funds were transferred to defendant and then paid to him on August 15, 2007 (Declaration of John Nelson Attachment B). No creditor has this right under the Plan. Great Western and then TransAmerica had separate individual accounts set up in the name of each Participant which stated the funds were 100% vested. Insurance companies can set up individual accounts under 29 USC 1002(17). That was done in this case. The Participants had the right to make investment choices for their individual accounts. Based upon the plan document, Joinder Plaintiffs and all other plaintiffs clearly had rights greater than other unsecured creditors of the Defendant. This cannot be reasonably disputed.

As explained in Reliable Home Health Care, Inc. v. Union Central Insurance Company (2002) 295 F. 3d 505, 513:

The DOL has indicated that great weight should be given to the tax consequences of such plans. See Op. Dep't Labor 92-13 A; Miller, 915 F.Supp 651, 659 holding that a "plan is more likely than not to be regarded as unfunded if the beneficiaries under the plan do not incur tax liability during the year that the contributions to the plan are made."

In this case, the Participants did incur tax liability for their contributions. When a Participant would direct Defendant to transfer their funds from their office account or salary and make a contribution to their retirement account, Defendant's payroll

department would withhold payroll taxes, including Medicare taxes. Each Participant has paid taxes to the Federal Government on each and every contribution that was made to the Plan in the year of the contributions (Declaration of Joinder Plaintiffs ¶ 16). The taxes were taken out of the individual office accounts. Medicare taxes are paid on the amount of an employees gross compensation. As an example, see Attachment C to the Declaration of John Nelson, his W-2s for 2002-2006. Mr. Nelson placed \$50,000.00 into the Plan in each of those years. By way of example, on his 2003 W-2, the Medicare wages are over \$50,000.00 higher than his compensation. The Medicare tax in the year 2003 was 1.45% and if one multiplies 1.45% time \$221,143.07 Mr. Nelson's salary plus his \$50,000.00 contributions for 2003, the tax withheld for Medicare is exactly \$3,206.57, the amount listed on Mr. Nelson's W-2 including his contribution to the Plan. It is an undisputable material fact that payroll taxes were paid in the year that a participant made contributions to the Plan.

It is undisputable that a Participant could request a hardship withdrawal at any time from the Plan. If a hardship withdrawal was taken, Defendant's payroll department would withhold state and federal income taxes from the hardship withdrawal. It is undisputable that the hardship withdrawal were taken from the individual accounts of the Plaintiffs. Each individual account was decreased by the amount of the hardship withdrawals. Each withdrawal reduced the separate individual account that was in the name of the individual who decided to make a contribution to their individual account. It cannot be disputed that this Plan had separate individual accounts which have been taxed. Thus, the plaintiffs could "look to a res separate from the general assets of the corporation to satisfy their claims." IT Group, 448 F.3d at 669. Indeed, even today, the assets remain segregated from the general assets of the Defendant, in a separate account.

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CONCLUSION

Joinder Plaintiffs believe that the oral representations and their individual account statement form the basis of the Plan. That is because no plaintiff received a copy of the Plan, nor information telling them their funds were subject to the claims of creditor, until well after their rights vested. Under Federal Common Law, it should be determined that the funds were 100% vested and held in trust for the benefit of the plaintiffs. Those funds should be ordered distributed to the plaintiffs.

Joinder Plaintiffs have established that this was a funded plan under ERISA, even if there is a Plan document which claims to create a Plan which is alleged to be unfunded. As a funded Plan, the Plan should be determined not to be a Top Hat Plan. Upon the Court's determination that this is a funded retirement Plan, thus subject to ERISA, the individual accounts should be ordered paid to the Participants.

If the Court determines this is an unfunded Top Hat Plan, the document provisions which favors the plaintiff and work against forfeiture should be enforced. On that basis, the funds should be ordered distributed to the plaintiffs.

July 18, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICES OF JESSE L. B. HILL

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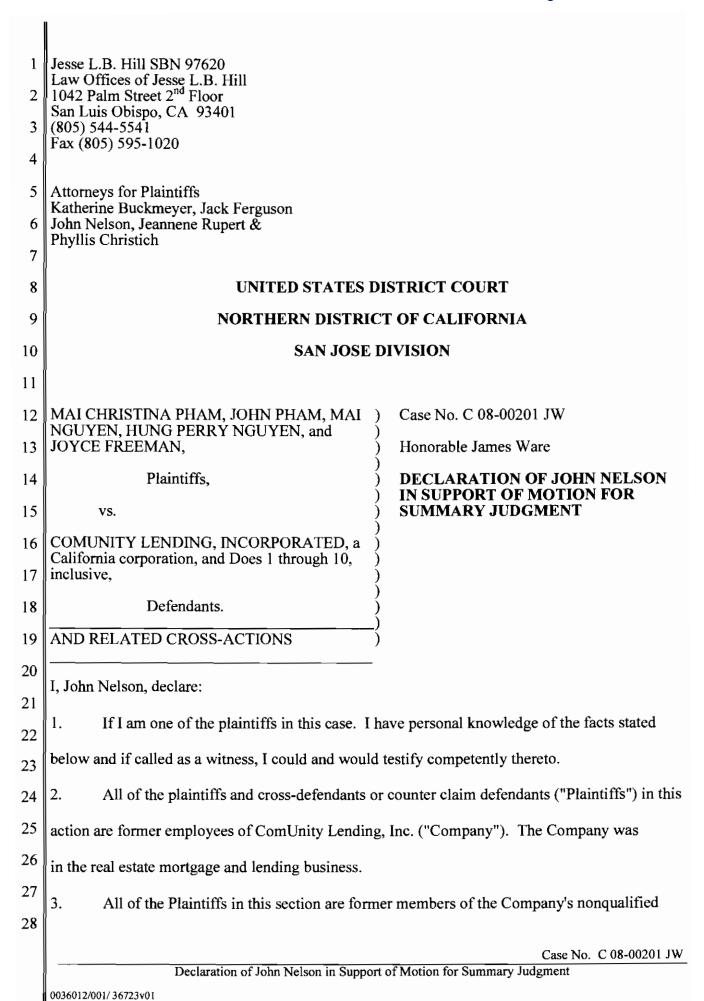
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16. I paid payroll taxes on my contributions to the plan.

17. The Company has failed to pay my plan benefits to me upon termination of the Plan.

I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States in California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July _____, 2008

By: John Nelson

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Compensation Plan

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August 15, 2007

John Nelson 7172 Richardson Rd. Oakdale, CA 95361

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Dear John,

Enclosed is your Withdrawal check. Withdrawals from the NQDC plan are taxable compensation. ComUnity Lending, Inc. was required to withhold federal and state income taxes from your withdrawal.

ComUnity Lending, Inc. will report your distribution and tax withholding on a Form W-2, which will be mailed to you at your home in 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact HR at 800-866-9080 x 2038

Sincerely,

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Sf. HR Representative

Comunity Lending 610 Jarvis Drive Sulte 200 Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Phone: 408-778-7800 Fax: 408-776-0272

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Hardship Withdrawal Request

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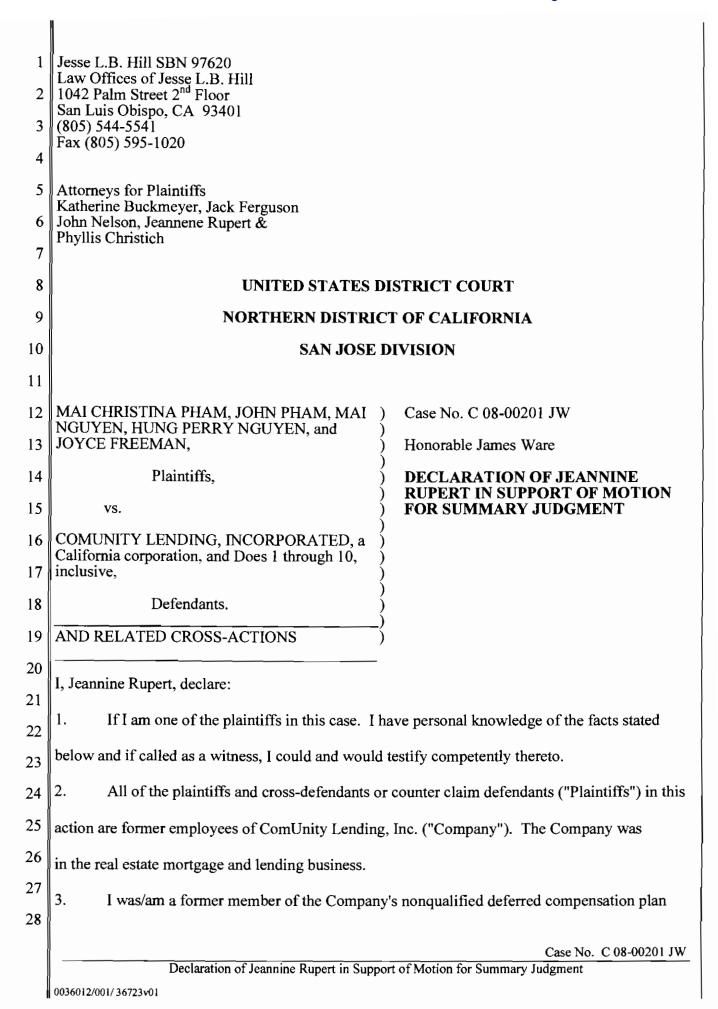
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- 12. I believed that the contributions and earnings were held in a separate account solely for my benefit and my retirement.
- 13. It was never explained to me that my contributions would be subject to the claims of
 creditors of the Company prior to Plan termination.
- 25 14. True and correct copies of my Participant Statements are attached as Exhibit A.
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I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States in California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 2, 2008



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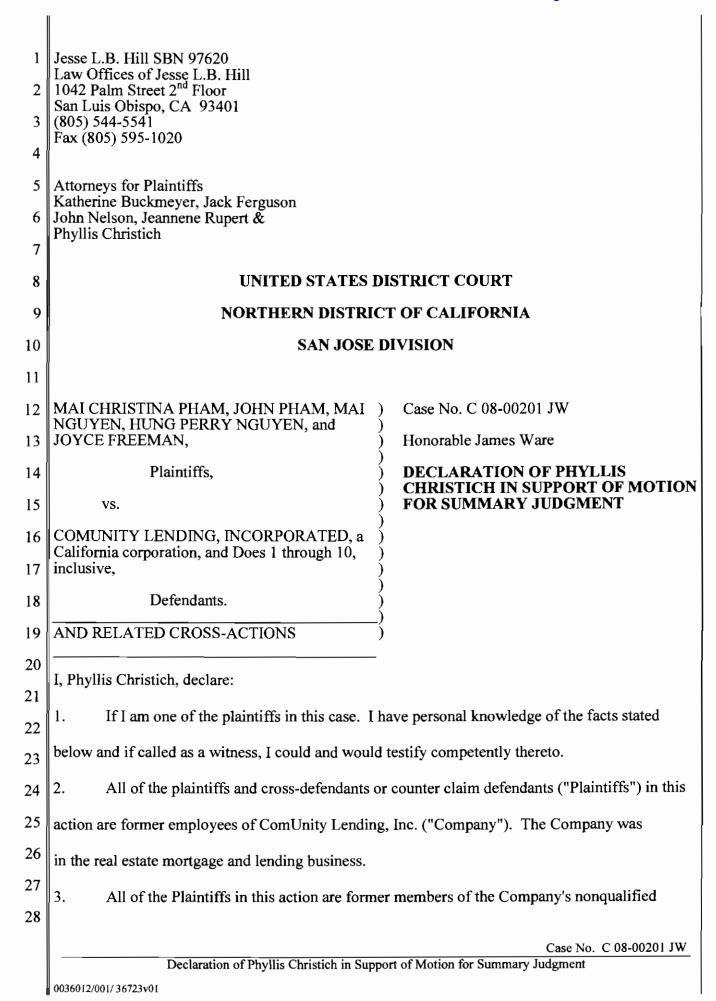
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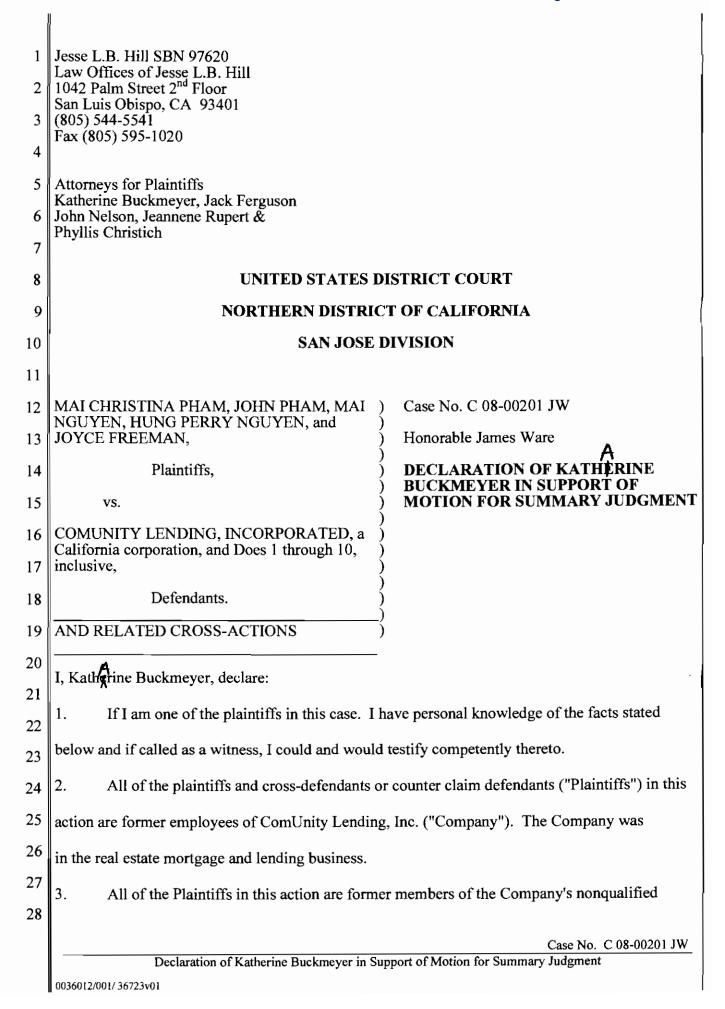
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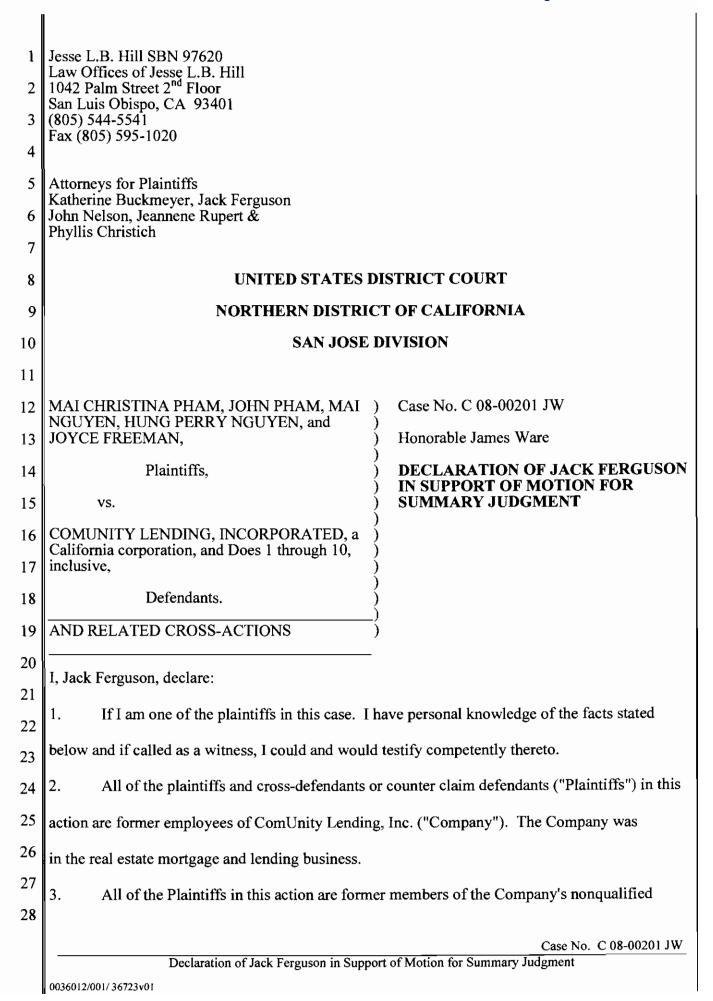
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